

# atTRACKtions

A Union Pacific Employee Clubs/Friend to Friend Network Newsletter | Third Edition 2018



Barb and Mick Jesse, Club 8, North Platte, Neb.



Robin and Johnny Burk, Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.



From left, Loren Clark of Club 30, The Dalles, Ore., chats with Jim Coker, emcee.

## Setting Goals in Salt Lake City

While the skies above Salt Lake City were hazy Aug. 7-9 due to wildfires to the west, the objective at the 94th annual Union Pacific Employee Clubs Convention was clear — continue to grow the ranks.

Gathered at the Sheraton Salt Lake City hotel, delegates representing nearly 30 clubs discussed the organization's accomplishments in the prior year and plans for the future. Among them were delegates from two recently reactivated clubs: Club 82 of Dalhart, Texas, and Club 85 of Avondale, Louisiana. Club 87 also was activated in Phoenix.

Since last year's convention in Sacramento, California, members have volunteered a combined 95,914 hours of their time while driving 200,208 miles — that's more than eight trips around the earth's equator. Total donations amounted to \$2,277,952.

During the Aug. 8 awards luncheon, Vice

President-Engineering Eric Gehringer highlighted many of his department's cutting-edge equipment, and its efforts in reopening a Cascade Subdivision tunnel near Oakridge, Oregon, following its May collapse. The next evening at the awards banquet, Senior Vice President-Transportation Shane Keller regaled the audience with a story of his early days at North Little Rock, Arkansas' Jenks Locomotive Shop, where he worked with Richard Baldwin, former Executive Committee chairman and Friend to Friend Network treasurer. He then provided an overview of the state of the railroad before joining Executive Committee Chairman Bob Moore in presenting awards to honored clubs.

On the final day of the convention, delegates elected Randol Royce of Club 66, San Antonio, to succeed Moore as Executive Committee chairman. Serving as vice chairman will be Kenny Willis of Portola, California's Club 38.

### By the Numbers

#### Total Charity:

2017: \$1,005,161  
2018: \$1,501,750  
Increase: 49 percent

#### Total Community Service (dollars):

2017: \$1,844,262  
2018: \$2,277,952  
Increase: 23 percent

#### In the past year, members:

- Spent \$155,651
- Worked 95,914 hours
- Drove 200,208 miles

The 95th annual convention will be held Aug. 8-11 in Bellevue, Washington, a suburb of Seattle.

*Delegates assemble in Salt Lake City for the 94th Annual UPEC Convention. Seated, from left, are Bev Thrall, Club 12, Salt Lake City; Marsha Stephens, Club 6, Ogden, Utah; Marilee Adams, Club 28, Marysville, Kan.; Gloria Spiegel, Club 78, Fort Dodge/Eagle Grove, Iowa; Marguerite Haverfield, Club 10, Spokane, Wash.; Mary Workman, Club 19, Hermiston, Ore.; Cleo Erickson, Club 70, St. James, Minn.; Shar York, Club 3, Omaha; Diana McDowell, Club 51, Fort Worth, Texas; and Pat Reed, Club 1, Cheyenne, Wyo. Standing, from left, are Shawn Sorensen, Club 53, Houston; Loren Clark, Club 30, The Dalles, Ore.; Gene Packer, Club 15, Pocatello, Idaho; Don Dolan, Club 9, Portland, Ore.; Jeronn Sisson, Club 50, Chicago; Johnny Burk, Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.; John Gavin, Club 71, Milwaukee; John Dawkins, Club 76, Boone, Iowa; Wayne Morrow, Club 20, Evanston, Wyo.; Rusty Beames, Club 84, Herington, Kan.; Javier Guzman, Club 83, Sparks, Nev.; Corron Bourgeois, Club 85, Avondale, La.; Larry Goodridge, Club 57, Addis, La.; Scott Lassen, Club 67, Livonia, La.; Alfred Wilson, Club 22, Seattle; Joe De La Garza, Club 66, San Antonio; Mick Jesse, Club 8, North Platte, Neb.; Anthony Soberri, Club 77, Adams, Wis.; and John Jacobs, Club 82, Dalhart, Texas.*



# From the Outgoing Chairman

A wonderful time was had by all in Salt Lake City at the 94th annual convention. Eric Gehringer enlightened the crowd with some new technological advancements throughout the system at our luncheon. Shane Keller did a terrific job pointing out new advancements in the Transportation Department as well as ongoing improvements and equipment purchases. I'd like to thank them both for attending our convention, as well as the Utah Service Unit team that came for the awards banquet.

Our numbers this year exceeded my expectations, \$7,136 was raised on Auction Night. Our clubs' collective charitable givings surpassed \$1.5 million, nearly a 50 percent increase! Additionally,

our community service givings were nearly \$2.3 million, a 23 percent increase over 2016-2017 — and it was all accomplished by our members.

Our bingo night and silent auction were both highlights; these new ideas, along with others that are forthcoming, I hope will put us in an even better position next year.

I encourage everyone to take a serious look at the 2019 convention in Seattle — I think it will be another great one!



Bob Moore

## Royce Aims to GROW RANKS

Delegates elected Randol Royce as executive chairman on the final day of the convention.

In the coming year, his chief goal will be to grow UPEC's ranks by raising awareness of its mission among the active workforce.

"We want to get to the point where employees know what we're about and what we do for our communities," he said.

Royce began his railroading career in 1990 and now serves as a locomotive engineer. He joined San Antonio's Club 66 more than 10 years ago because of its active role in community service alongside organizations such as the Salvation Army.

"It's all about helping people less fortunate than us," he said. "People need our help, and we're willing to give it."

Royce and his wife, Denise, are parents to four children: Reese, Steve, Taylor and Ty.



Randol and Denise Royce with their daughter, Reese

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AtTRACKtions highlights the activities of Union Pacific Employee Clubs, which helps give other clubs ideas for fundraisers and social events.

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## Join UPEC!

This edition features the culmination of Union Pacific Employee Clubs' chief purpose: to positively impact their communities while building camaraderie among co-workers, both past and present.

Through activities such as feeding the homeless, sorting toys for the Salvation Army, and collecting backpacks and shoes for low-income families, clubs give to Union Pacific communities. They also coordinate social outings such as attending concerts and dinners.

During the past decade, clubs' membership has declined at some locations, particularly among working railroaders. In the coming

year, UPEC leaders aim to reignite membership and continue the tradition that began in 1924 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Membership is open to retired and current employees, and their spouses. Annual membership costs vary from \$2 to \$5 and help fund club activities.

To learn more about your local employee club — or for more information on reactivating a club — visit [www.up.com/employee/upec](http://www.up.com/employee/upec) or call Bob Moore, 210-219-3457.

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Members of the Executive Committee and San Antonio's Club 66 are joined by Mandy Fultz, seated center, Safe Kids project coordinator.



Club 6 President Marsha Stephens, left, and other Ogden, Utah, members make the quick drive down to Salt Lake City.



From left are Shenise Smith, Executive Task Committee; Marc McCoy, Executive Committee; and Jerron Sisson, Club 50, Chicago.

## Another Awesome Auction

As per tradition, delegates, members and their loved ones greeted one another on the first night of the convention, exchanging pins from their respective clubs while perusing the items available for bidding.

After enjoying a meal of salmon and all the fixings, Friend to Friend Network Executive Committee First Vice President Bill Verhoeff took the mic, and the auction began. By the end of the night, \$7,136 was raised, the highest figure since the 2015 convention. Half went to the Friend to Friend Network, while two Salt Lake City charities received \$1,784 apiece: Friends for Sight, which provides vision screenings and education throughout Utah; and For The Kids, which feeds hungry children with community donations.

Janet Schultz of Club 76, Boone, Iowa, and

parliamentarian, placed the winning bid for the brass bell.

Created in 2004, the UPEC Friend to Friend Network has since helped more than 9,000 Union Pacific employees, retirees and their families, and distributed more than \$5 million in the past 12 years. Online applications can be submitted for any Union Pacific employee, retiree or family member (spouse or child) who has suffered a medical-related emergency that required hospitalization or time off work, or a dwelling-related emergency following a fire, flood or other

weather event that caused them to be out of their primary home.

The entirety of each donation goes to helping someone in need. On average, Friend to Friend Network helps five railroad families every day.

Employees can access the Friend to Friend site either at work or from a home computer. It allows employees to manage their monthly contributions online and also provides instructions for becoming an ambassador.

Visit Friend to Friend Network on the Employees site for more information.



From left are former Executive Committee Chairmen Mike Roe and Larry Goodridge, and LeeAnn Roe and Diane Goodridge.



From left are Majorie and Corron Bourgeois of Club 85, Avondale, La.; Donald Gholson, Executive Committee; and Heather and Scott Lassen, Club 67, Livonia, La.



Attendees exchange pins from their respective clubs.



From left are Jacque Switlik, Executive Task Committee; Diane McDowell, Club 51, Fort Worth, Texas; and Diane Huntington, Friend to Friend Network Committee.



Kevin and Cindy Hanlon, Club 70, St. James, Minn.



Friend to Friend Network Committee First Vice President Bill Verhoeff serves as auctioneer.



Rusty Beames, Club 84, Herington, Kan., trade pins with Mary Dawkins of Club 76, Boone, Iowa.



Robin Burk, Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.



LeeAnn Roe, Club 67, Livonia, La.



Alfred Wilson, Club 22, Seattle



Jeryl Burnett, Club 6, Ogden, Utah



Janet Schultz, parliamentarian and Club 76, Boone, Iowa, member, makes the winning bid for the brass bell.



# Clubs Commended

Union Pacific Employee Club members' commitment to their communities was honored during the 94th convention.

Club 54 of North Little Rock, Arkansas, took home nine awards — the most of any club. North Platte, Nebraska's Club 8 followed with five.

The Aug. 8 luncheon included a presentation from Vice President-Engineering Eric Gehringer, while Senior Vice President-Transportation Shane Keller gave the keynote address during the Aug. 9 banquet.

## Awards presented by outgoing Executive Committee V



First, LBA — Jeronn Sisson, Club 50, Chicago



First, MAC — John Gavin, Club 7

(Club announcement done by hand)

First — Club 50, Chicago

Second — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.

Third — Club 8, North Platte, Neb.

(Club announcement done by hand)

First — Club 71, Chicago

Second — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.

Third — Club 8, North Platte, Neb.

## Awards presented by outgoing Executive Committee Chairman Bob Moore and Senior Vice President-Trans



Operation Lifesaver 100 Club — Bev Thrall, Club 12, Salt Lake City

(Members gave 100+ presentations in past year)

Club 8, North Platte, Neb.

Club 12, Salt Lake City

Club 28, Marysville, Kan.

Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.



First, Operation Lifesaver Club of the Year — Johnny Burk, Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.

First — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.

Second — Club 12, Salt Lake City

Third — Club 28, Marysville, Kan.



Third, Charity (Total) — Scott Lassen, Club 67, Livonia, Mich.

First — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.

Second — Club 6, Ogden, Utah

Third — Club 67, Livonia, Mich.



Second, Total Community Service — Mick Jesse, Club 8, North Platte, Neb.

First — Club 6, Ogden, Utah

Second — Club 8, North Platte, Neb.

Third — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.



First, Outstanding Activity - Membership — John Dawkins, Club 76, Boone, Iowa

First — Club 76, Boone, Iowa

Second — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.



First, Outstanding Activity - Community Service — Eagle Grove, Iowa

First — Club 78, Fort Dodge, Iowa

Second — Club 66, San Antonio, Texas

Third — Club 53, Houston, Texas



Vice Chairman Jim Larson and Vice President-Engineering Eric Gehringer.



First, Milwaukee

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Milwaukee  
84, Herington, Kan.  
North Platte, Neb.



Third, Membership Increase (Per Capita) — Shawn Sorensen, Club 53, Houston

First — Club 66, San Antonio  
Second — Club 24, Walla Walla, Wash.  
Third — Club 53, Houston



First, Membership Increase (Total) — Don Dolan, Club 9, Portland, Ore.

First — Club 9, Portland, Ore.  
Second (tie) — Club 53, Houston; Club 66, San Antonio  
Third — Club 20, Evanston, Wyo.

portation Shane Keller.



Livonia, La.

Little Rock, Ark.  
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Second, Operation Lifesaver Presenter of the Year — Norbert Angell, Club 28, Marysville, Kan.

First — Ron Hale, Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.  
Second — Norbert Angell, Club 28, Marysville, Kan.  
Third — Pat Leahy, Club 8, North Platte, Neb.



First, Charity (Per Capita) — Marsha Stephens, Club 6, Ogden, Utah

First — Club 6, Ogden, Utah  
Second — Club 24, Walla Walla, Wash.  
Third — Club 70, St. James, Minn.



ice — Gloria Spiegel, Club 78, Fort Dodge/

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First, Outstanding Activity - Charity — Javier Guzman, Club 83, Sparks, Nev.

First — Club 83, Sparks, Nev.  
Second — Club 9, Portland, Ore.  
Third — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.



First, Outstanding Activity - Safety — Joe De La Garza, Club 66, San Antonio

First — Club 66, San Antonio  
Second — Club 9, Portland, Ore.  
Third — Club 54, North Little Rock, Ark.



# 'Yee-Haw' in Utah

Salt Lake City served as a fitting setting for the convention's "Wild West" theme night. Guests donned their best 10-gallon hats and Western apparel — in some cases, animal hides — before enjoying barbecue and bingo.



Several rounds of bingo follow dinner.



Representing Club 76, Boone, Iowa, are Mary and John Dawkins.



Members of Club 8, North Platte, Neb., seek out a new frontier.



From left, Phyllis and Norbert Angell of Club 28, Marysville, Kan.; and Rusty Beames, Club 84, Herington, Kan., represent the Sunflower State.



Representing Club 70 of St. James, Minn., are, from left, Judy Jones and Cleo Erickson; LuAnn Larson, Executive Task Committee; and Jim Larson, Executive Committee chairman.



From left, Lisa and Friend to Friend Network Executive Committee First Vice President Bill Verhoeff, and Cindy and Kevin Hanlon of Club 70, St. James, Minn., share a laugh.



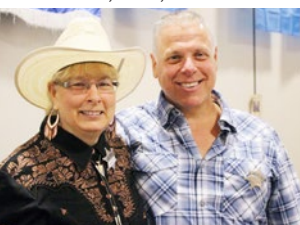
Executive Committee members and others don appropriate garb for Salt Lake City.



From left are Teri and Curt Camps of Club 77, Adams, Wis.



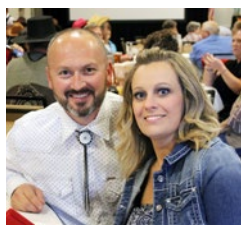
Loren Clark of Club 30, The Dalles, Ore., concentrates on his card.



From left are Charlotte Featherling and Buck Russel of Club 66, San Antonio.



From left, Javier Guzman and Gary Steele traverse Nevada to represent Club 83, Sparks.



John and Kenda Jacobs represent the recently reformed Club 82 of Dalhart, Texas.



Jim Haguewood of the Executive Committee carries the rank of brigadier general.



From left are Executive Committee Chairman Bob Moore and Club 3's Shar York.



## 2018-2019 Committees Announced



*The 2018-2019 Executive Committee includes, from left, Marc McCoy, Kenny Willis, Raymond Switlik, Donald Gholson, Deanna Badgley, Randol Royce, Gary Steele and Jim Haguewood.*



*The 2017-2018 Top Brass includes Marjorie Vogel, seated, and from left, Gene Packer, Skip Reed, David Melville, Mike Roe, Larry Goodridge, Bill Verhoeff, Kevin Hanlon, Bev Thrall, Richard Baldwin, Jim Coker and Loren Clark.*



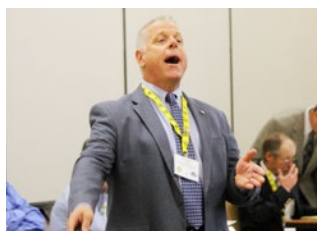
*The 2018-2019 Executive Task Committee includes, from left, Star Gholson, Charlotte Willis, Shenise Smith, Christy Steele, Denise Royce and Jacque Switlik.*



*From left, Kenny Willis and Randol Royce are sworn in by outgoing Chairman Bob Moore as vice chairman and chairman, respectively.*



*Joe De La Garza represents Club 66, San Antonio.*



*Buck Russel, consultant-public safety and member of Club 66, San Antonio, gives an overview of UP CARES.*



*John Jacobs represents the newly reformed Club 82, Dalhart, Texas.*



*A surprise for attendees, comedian Todd Johnson entertains the crowd following the awards banquet.*



*Outgoing Executive Committee Chairman Bob Moore, left, presents a check to Friend to Friend Network First Vice President Bill Verhoeff.*



*From left, Charlotte Featherling, Star Gholson, Denise Royce, Jacque Switlik and Charlotte Willis sign in attendees as they arrive in Salt Lake City.*





## UNION PACIFIC EMPLOYEE CLUBS Presidents Roster

1	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Skip Reed
3	Omaha, Neb.	Shar York
6	Ogden, Utah	Marsha Stephens
8	North Platte, Neb.	Mick Jesse
9	Portland, Ore.	Don Dolan
10	Spokane, Wash.	Marguerite Haverfield
12	Salt Lake City	Bev Thrall
15	Pocatello, Idaho	Gene Packer
17	La Grande, Ore.	Cary Sumerlin
18	Green River, Wyo.	Dorothy Walker
19	Hermiston, Ore.	Bob Daniel
20	Evanston, Wyo.	Wayne Morrow
22	Seattle	Alfred Wilson
24	Walla Walla, Wash.	Ted Bren
28	Marysville, Kan.	Marilee Adams
30	The Dalles, Ore.	Loren Clark
32	Salina, Kan.	Jim Kirk
38	Portola, Calif.	John Bontas
39	Stockton, Calif.	Robert Lemon
50	Chicago	Jeronn Sisson
51	Fort Worth	Diana McDowell
53	Houston	Aaron Tinnell
54	North Little Rock, Ark.	Dale Fulenwider
57	Addis, La.	Larry Goodridge
66	San Antonio	Joe De La Garza
67	Livonia, La.	Scott Lassen
70	St. James, Minn.	Cleo Erickson
71	Milwaukee	John Gavin
75	Altoona, Wis.	John Elstran
76	Boone, Iowa	John Dawkins
77	Adams, Wis.	Tony Soberri
78	Ft. Dodge/	
	Eagle Grove, Iowa	Gloria Spiegel
82	Dalhart, Texas	John Jacobs
83	Sparks, Nev.	Javier Guzman
84	Herington, Kan.	Rusty Beames
85	Avondale, La.	Corron Bourgeois
87	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brian Koepnick



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## Seattle Site of 95th Convention

Dubbed "the Emerald City" for its lush foliage, Seattle will host the 95th UPEC Convention. Members and their loved ones — bring the kids! — will gather at the Seattle Marriott Bellevue Aug. 8-11.

Located in booming downtown Bellevue — a city unto itself — the hotel is surrounded by countless entertainment options, and popular destinations such as the Space Needle and Pike Place Market are a 20-minute drive away.

Stay tuned for information regarding train travel and other activities. And break out your pomade and poodle skirts for '50s theme night!

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